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For: BACKBONE-SUBSTITUTED  
BIFUNCTIONAL DOTA LIGANDS,  
COMPLEXES AND COMPOSITIONS  
THEREOF, AND METHODS OF USING  
SAME

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.